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	10/780,496	GROSSMAN ET AL.
	Examiner Robert Stevens	Art Unit 2162

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 November 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Office withdraws the previous rejections of the claims under 35 USC §§112-2nd paragraph and 103(a), in light of the amendment. The Office substantially maintains the previous rejections of the claims under 35 USC §101, in light of the amendment. The Office sets forth new rejections of the claims under 35 USC §103(a), in light of the amendment.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-14 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. It is noted that the arguments are directed to the amended claim language. The Office has withdrawn the previous rejection under 35 USC 103(a), and set forth new rejections citing the Draper reference.

For at least these reasons, the Office asserts the rejections of the claims as set forth below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

3. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

4. **Claims 15-20 and 28-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101** because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

To be statutory, a claimed computer-related process must either: (A) result in a physical transformation outside the computer for which a practical application is either disclosed in the specification or would have been known to a skilled artisan, or (B) be limited to a practical application with useful, concrete and tangible result.

Regarding independent claim 15: This claim does not produce a useful result. The claim recites a receiving of data and a conversion of data. The data is not used. It is further noted that access of that data is not required, because there is no positive recitation of such a requirement (i.e., “can access” does not require access). The claim has been amended to reflect the display of “rendered contact data”, but it is unclear what exactly this “rendered contact data” is. The rendering appears to be merely a rendering of data received before conversion.

Regarding independent claim 28: This claim does not produce a useful result. The claim recites a receiving of data, conversion of the data, and a storing of the data. The data is not used. It is further noted that access of that data is not required, because there is no positive recitation of such a requirement (i.e., “can access” does not require access).

Claims 15, 28, and the claims that depend on them, are not patent eligible because the invention recited therein does not produce a useful, concrete and tangible result.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. **Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)** as being unpatentable over Balaji et al. (US Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0015439, filed Jul. 15, 2003 and published Jan. 20, 2005, hereafter referred to as “Balaji”) in view of Chris Hibbert (“Visual Flex and XML”, downloaded from www.dataaccess.com/whitepapers/xml/XMLWP.htm, dated by Wayback Machine as: May 2, 2001, pp. 1-25, hereafter referred to as “Hibbert”) and further in view of Draper et al. (US Patent No. 6,581,062, filed Mar. 2, 2000 and issued Jun. 17, 2003, hereafter referred to as “Draper”).

Regarding independent claim 1: Balaji discloses *In a computing system that has access to schematized contact data and that is in communication with applications configured to request access to the schematized contact data, one or more of the applications lacking the configuration to natively access the schematized contact data, (See Balaji Abstract, discussing the providing for data integration and exchange among a plurality of applications.) a method for simplifying access to the schematized contact data, (See Balaji Abstract, noting its flexible*

architecture.) *the method comprising: receiving a request to access schematized contact data, the request being received at an application that lacks the configuration to natively access schematized contact data;* (See Balaji paragraph [0029], discussing the ability to send data from a client application using a first format.) *the application calling an external contact data control that abstracts the formatting of the schematized contact data from the application calling the external contact data control;* (See Balaji Figure 2 #150 schema generator and #156 DTD generator.)

However, Balaji does not explicitly teach the use of contact data or the remaining limitations as claimed. Hibbert, though, discloses the use of contact data. (See Hibbert page 19 section entitled “DTDs”, showing contact data abstracted as a DTD, in the context of page 20 section entitled “Schemas”, which states that schemas and DTDs perform the same function, and provides an exemplary schema fragment of contact data.) Additionally, Hibbert teaches *and the application rendering, on a display device, rendered contact data to a user of the application, the rendered contact data corresponding to the non-schematized contact data, and the rendered contact data being presented notwithstanding that the application lacks the configuration to natively access schematized contact data.* (See Hibbert page 21 section entitled “Style Sheets: CSS and XSL”, discussing the display of contact data using style sheets to format display elements.)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to apply the teachings of Hibbert for the benefit of Balaji, because to do so allowed a programmer to ensure that an XML file conformed to an intended definition (i.e., was valid), as

taught by Hibbert on page 14 in the entitled "DTDs and Schemas". These references were all applicable to the same field of endeavor, i.e., XML-based system development.

However, Balaji does not explicitly teach the remaining limitations as claimed. Draper, though, discloses *the application receiving non-schematized contact data from the external contact data control, the non-schematized contact data having been converted from corresponding schematized contact data by the external data contact control*; (See Draper Fig. 1, teaching the mapping of semi-structured and structured data.)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to apply the teachings of Draper for the benefit of Balaji in view of Hibbert, because to do so allowed a user to reversibly create either semi-structured or structured data. These references were all applicable to the same field of endeavor, i.e., XML-based system development.

Regarding claims 2-3: Balaji teaches requests to convert via a schema-based system.. (See Balaji Figure 2, especially #150, #12a and #12b, in the context of the Abstract, discussing the ability to exchange data among a plurality of applications. It is further noted that a process can forward data to any other process, regardless of authorization, because authorization harkens to the accessing of the process, not the mere sending of data to that process.)

However, Balaji does not explicitly teach the use of contact data. Hibbert, though, discloses the use of contact data. (See Hibbert page 19 section entitled "DTDs", showing contact data abstracted as a DTD, in the context of page 20 section entitled "Schemas", which states that

schemas and DTDs perform the same function, and provides and exemplary schema fragment of contact data.)

Regarding claims 4-11: Balaji teaches requests to interact with a processing module. (See Balaji Abstract, discussing an architecture to facilitate data integration and exchange. It is further noted that the recited limitations present a list of well-known features that are outside of the application's inventive crux of data transformation via a schema-based system.)

However, Balaji does not explicitly teach the use of contact data. Hibbert, though, discloses the use of contact data. (See Hibbert page 19 section entitled "DTDs", showing contact data abstracted as a DTD, in the context of page 20 section entitles "Schemas", which states that schemas and DTDs perform the same function, and provides and exemplary schema fragment of contact data.)

Regarding claims 12-13: Balaji does not explicitly teach the use of contact data and presentation templates. Hibbert, though, discloses the use of contact data. (See Hibbert page 19 section entitled "DTDs", showing contact data abstracted as a DTD, in the context of page 20 section entitles "Schemas", which states that schemas and DTDs perform the same function, and provides and exemplary schema fragment of contact data.) Hibbert further discloses the well-known use of CSS and XSL. (See Hibbert page 21 sections entitled "StyleSheets: CSS and XSL" and "XSL", discussing commonly known formatting templates.)

Regarding claim 14: Balaji does not explicitly teach the use of contact data or setting a default value. Hibbert, though, discloses the use of contact data. (See Hibbert page 19 section entitled “DTDs”, showing contact data abstracted as a DTD, in the context of page 20 section entitled “Schemas”, which states that schemas and DTDs perform the same function, and provides an exemplary schema fragment of contact data. Also see Hibbert page 20 section entitled in bold as “The qualifiers change as well”, which shows the assignment of default values for the variable set minOccurs=0 and maxOccurs=*..)

Regarding independent claim 15: Balaji discloses *In a computing system that has access to schematized contact data and that is in communication with applications configured to request access to schematized contact data, one or more of the applications lacking the configuration to natively access schematized contact data, (See Balaji Abstract, discussing the providing for data integration and exchange among a plurality of applications.) a method for simplifying access to the schematized contact data, (See Balaji Abstract, noting its flexible architecture.) the method comprising: receiving non-schematized contact data that the non-schematized contact data being received at an application that lacks the configuration to natively access schematized contact data and from an external contact data control, the non-schematized contact data having been converted from corresponding schematized contact data by the external contact data control; (See Balaji paragraph [0029], discussing the ability to receive data in a second format, in the context of paragraph [0033], discussing the integration of new data.) the application calling an external contact data control that abstracts the formatting of the schematized contact data from the application calling the external contact*

data control; (See Balaji Figure 2 #150 schema generator and #156 DTD generator.) the external contact data control updating the schematized contact data based on the updated non-schematized contact data such that the other applications can access the updated schematized contact data and notwithstanding that the application lacks the configuration to natively access schematized contact data. (See Balaji paragraph [0029], discussing the ability to receive data in a second format, in the context of paragraph [0033], discussing the integration of new data.)

However, Balaji does not explicitly teach the use of contact data or the remaining limitations as claimed. Hibbert, though, discloses the use of contact data. (See Hibbert page 19 section entitled “DTDs”, showing contact data abstracted as a DTD, in the context of page 20 section entitled “Schemas”, which states that schemas and DTDs perform the same function, and provides an exemplary schema fragment of contact data.) Additionally, Hibbert teaches *the application rendering, on a display device, rendered contact data to a user of the application, the rendered contact data corresponding to the non-schematized contact data;* (See Hibbert page 21 section entitled “Style Sheets: CSS and XSL”, discussing the display of contact data using style sheets to format display elements.) Additionally, Hibbert teaches *receiving, at the application, updates to the rendered contact data;* (See Hibbert page 7 section entitled “Using XML in Visual DataFlex”, discussing the changing of node contents and structure in the 8th paragraph (“Remembering that XML is easily written to ... ”.)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to apply the teachings of Hibbert for the benefit of Balaji, because to do so allowed a

programmer to ensure that an XML file conformed to an intended definition (i.e., was valid), as taught by Hibbert on page 14 in the entitled “DTDs and Schemas”. These references were all applicable to the same field of endeavor, i.e., XML-based system development.

However, Balaji does not explicitly teach the remaining limitations as claimed. Draper, though, discloses *the external contact data control receiving updated non-schematized contact data corresponding to the updated rendered contact data and which is to be included in the schematized contact data*; (See Draper Fig. 1, teaching the mapping of semi-structured and structured data.)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to apply the teachings of Draper for the benefit of Balaji in view of Hibbert, because to do so allowed a user to reversibly create either semi-structured or structured data. These references were all applicable to the same field of endeavor, i.e., XML-based system development.

Regarding claims 16-17: Balaji teaches requests to convert via a schema-based system.. (See Balaji Figure 2, especially #150, #12a and #12b, in the context of the Abstract, discussing the ability to exchange data among a plurality of applications. It is further noted that a process can forward data to any other process, regardless of authorization, because authorization harkens to the accessing of the process, not the mere sending of data to that process.)

However, Balaji does not explicitly teach the use of contact data. Hibbert, though, discloses the use of contact data. (See Hibbert page 19 section entitled “DTDs”, showing contact data abstracted as a DTD, in the context of page 20 section entitled “Schemas”, which states that

schemas and DTDs perform the same function, and provides and exemplary schema fragment of contact data.)

Regarding claim 18: Balaji does not explicitly teach the use of contact data and validation. Hibbert, though, discloses the use of contact data. (See Hibbert page 19 section entitled “DTDs”, showing contact data abstracted as a DTD, in the context of page 20 section entitles “Schemas”, which states that schemas and DTDs perform the same function, and provides and exemplary schema fragment of contact data.) Hibbert further discloses document validation. (See Hibbert page 16 section entitled “DTDs and Schemas”, discussing document validation, it having been an obvious variant as to whether a document is validated and the format that the document is in [when the validation process was performed].)

Regarding claim 19: Balaji teaches translating non-schematized data into schematized data. (See Balaji Abstract in the context of Figure 2, teaching the ability to exchange data among a plurality of applications. Also see Balaji paragraph [0029], discussing data transformation among application data formats.)

However, Balaji does not explicitly teach the use of contact data. Hibbert, though, discloses the use of contact data. (See Hibbert page 19 section entitled “DTDs”, showing contact data abstracted as a DTD, in the context of page 20 section entitles “Schemas”, which states that schemas and DTDs perform the same function, and provides and exemplary schema fragment of contact data.)

Regarding claim 20: Balaji teaches centralized data storage. (See Balaji Figure 1 #22, Figure 2 #22 and #28, and Figure 3 #28.)

However, Balaji does not explicitly teach the use of contact data. Hibbert, though, discloses the use of contact data. (See Hibbert page 19 section entitled “DTDs”, showing contact data abstracted as a DTD, in the context of page 20 section entitled “Schemas”, which states that schemas and DTDs perform the same function, and provides and exemplary schema fragment of contact data.)

Regarding independent claim 21: Balaji discloses *A computing system, comprising: one or more processors; (See Balaji Figure 2, showing client applications #12a and #12b, it having been implied that these applications would have run on at least one processor.) and one or more computer-readable storage media, having stored thereon schematized contact data, one or more applications that are not configured to natively access the schematized contact data, and at least one contact data control that can be executed by the one or more processors, the at least one contact data control abstracting schematized contact data from applications,* (See Balaji Figure 2, showing a data store #18, a schema registry #152, applications #12a and #12b, and adapter APIs #30 associated with each application.) *the at least one contact data control being configured to: receive a request from an application that lacks the configuration to natively access the schematized contact data; (See Balaji paragraph [0031], discussing the reception of a query by the calling application, and paragraph [0029], discussing the ability to receive data in a first format.) retrieve schematized contact data in response to the request; (See Balaji Figure 2, showing application interface path to the schematized data, and*

paragraph [0029], discussing the ability to send data from a client application using a first format.) *convert retrieved schematized contact data to corresponding non-schematized contact data such that the application can present contact data to a user notwithstanding that the application lacks the configuration to access the schematized contact data directly;* (See Balaji paragraph [0029], discussing the ability to receive data in a second format.)

However, Balaji does not explicitly teach the use of contact data or the remaining limitations as claimed. Hibbert, though, discloses the use of contact data. (See Hibbert page 19 section entitled “DTDs”, showing contact data abstracted as a DTD, in the context of page 20 section entitled “Schemas”, which states that schemas and DTDs perform the same function, and provides an exemplary schema fragment of contact data.) Additionally, Hibbert teaches *and send the non-schematized contact data to the application to be presented to a user.* (See Hibbert page 21 section entitled “Style Sheets: CSS and XSL”, discussing the display of contact data using style sheets to format display elements.)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to apply the teachings of Hibbert for the benefit of Balaji, because to do so allowed a programmer to ensure that an XML file conformed to an intended definition (i.e., was valid), as taught by Hibbert on page 14 in the entitled “DTDs and Schemas”. These references were all applicable to the same field of endeavor, i.e., XML-based system development.

However, Balaji does not explicitly teach the remaining limitations as claimed. Draper, though, discloses *abstract formatting of the schematized contact data from the application that*

lacks the configuration to natively access the schematized contact data; (See Draper Fig. 1, teaching the mapping of semi-structured and structured data.)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to apply the teachings of Draper for the benefit of Balaji in view of Hibbert, because to do so allowed a user to reversibly create either semi-structured or structured data. These references were all applicable to the same field of endeavor, i.e., XML-based system development.

Regarding claims 22-23: Balaji does not explicitly teach the use of contact data and presentation templates. Hibbert, though, discloses the use of contact data. (See Hibbert page 19 section entitled “DTDs”, showing contact data abstracted as a DTD, in the context of page 20 section entitled “Schemas”, which states that schemas and DTDs perform the same function, and provides an exemplary schema fragment of contact data.) Hibbert further discloses the well-known use of CSS and XSL. (See Hibbert page 21 sections entitled “StyleSheets: CSS and XSL” and “XSL”, discussing commonly known formatting templates, it having been an obvious variant as to the specific display presented.)

Claims 24-27 are substantially similar to claims 5, 7, 8 and 14, respectively, and therefore likewise rejected

Regarding independent claim 28: Balaji discloses *A computing system, comprising:* ***one or more processors;*** (See Balaji Figure 2, showing client applications #12a and #12b, it having been implied that these applications would have run on at least one processor.) ***and one or more computer-readable storage media, having stored thereon schematized contact data,*** ***one or more applications lacking the configuration to natively access the schematized contact data, and at least one contact data control that can be executed by the one or more processors,*** ***the at least one contact data control abstracting schematized contact data from applications,*** (See Balaji Figure 2, showing a data store #18, a schema registry #152, applications #12a and #12b, and adapter APIs #30 associated with each application.) ***the at least one contact data control being configured to: receive an request from an application to access schematized contact data, notwithstanding the application lacking the configuration to native access schematized contact data;*** (See Balaji paragraph [0029], discussing the ability to receive data in a second format.) ***retrieve schematized contact data corresponding to the request from the application;*** (See Balaji paragraph [0029], discussing the ability to receive data in a second format.) ***send the non-schematized contact data to the application;*** (See Balaji paragraph [0029], discussing the ability to receive data in a second format.) ***receive updated non-schematized contact data from the application;*** (See Balaji paragraph [0029], discussing the ability to receive data in a second format.) ***using the formatting abstracted from the application to convert the updated non-schematized contact data to corresponding schematized contact data that conforms with a contact data schema such that an application can update schematized contact data notwithstanding that the application lacks the configuration to natively access the schematized contact data;*** (See Balaji paragraph [0029], discussing data

format conversion.) *and store corresponding schematized contact data such that other applications can access the stored schematized contact data in accordance with the contact data schema.* (See Balaji Figure 1 #22, showing a schema registry accessible to many client applications [each labeled as “#12”].)

However, Balaji does not explicitly teach the use of contact data or the remaining limitations as claimed. Hibbert, though, discloses the use of contact data. (See Hibbert page 19 section entitled “DTDs”, showing contact data abstracted as a DTD, in the context of page 20 section entitled “Schemas”, which states that schemas and DTDs perform the same function, and provides an exemplary schema fragment of contact data.) Additionally, Hibbert teaches *and send the non-schematized contact data to the application to be presented to a user.* (See Hibbert page 21 section entitled “Style Sheets: CSS and XSL”, discussing the display of contact data using style sheets to format display elements.)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to apply the teachings of Hibbert for the benefit of Balaji, because to do so allowed a programmer to ensure that an XML file conformed to an intended definition (i.e., was valid), as taught by Hibbert on page 14 in the entitled “DTDs and Schemas”. These references were all applicable to the same field of endeavor, i.e., XML-based system development.

However, Balaji does not explicitly teach the remaining limitations as claimed. Draper, though, discloses *abstract the formatting of the schematized contact data from the application calling the external contact data control;* (See Draper Fig. 1, teaching the mapping of semi-

structured and structured data.) *convert the schematized contact data to corresponding non-schematized contact data using the formatting abstracted from the application by the external contact data control;* (See Draper Fig. 1, teaching the mapping of semi-structured and structured data.)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to apply the teachings of Draper for the benefit of Balaji in view of Hibbert, because to do so allowed a user to reversibly create either semi-structured or structured data. These references were all applicable to the same field of endeavor, i.e., XML-based system development.

Regarding claim 29: Balaji teaches parsing of data. (See Balaji paragraph [0029].)

However, Balaji does not explicitly teach the use of contact data. Hibbert, though, discloses the use of contact data. (See Hibbert page 19 section entitled “DTDs”, showing contact data abstracted as a DTD, in the context of page 20 section entitled “Schemas”, which states that schemas and DTDs perform the same function, and provides an exemplary schema fragment of contact data.)

Claim 30 is substantially similar to claim 18, and therefore likewise rejected.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Non-Patent Literature

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Bakker, John-Luc, et al., "Next Generation Service Creation Using XML Scripting Languages", IEEE International Conference on Communications, Vol. 4, Apr. 22 May 2, 2001, pp. 2001-2007.

US Patent Application Publications

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Abramovitch	2004/0243935
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7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert Stevens whose telephone number is (571) 272-4102. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:00 - 2:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John E. Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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